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MEMORANDUM

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FROM Ann Carr

SUBJECT Dead Creek/Sauget: Ann L. Carr phone conversation
with Gordon Hopewell 9/26/80, 4:45 P.M.

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Hopewell - no longer employed by Monsanto.

Call Paul Sauget. Knows as much as anyone living there - will not give names of anyone else.

September 13, 1982 - 2 years from retirement - does not want to be involved. Monsanto bound to have records. Every bit from Monsanto. Not dumped from road - truck emptying. Leakage from dump. 1000's of barrels dumped there. 3-acre hole 40' deep. 2 holes there. 2 acre one behind Cerro Copper. 3 acre one behind City Hall.

Leo owned half stock of Monsanto.

At least 20' deep - have seen many times. Filled and covered with 3' dirt before Leo died. He's 63. Anyone as old as him saw it. Monsanto dumped paper, garbage, waste phosphorous in drums, for 5-6 years. Waggoner right on edge. Everything of Monsanto's is there - maybe other stuff.

City Hall first. Cerro Copper after that. 5-6 years employee of Monsanto 1946-1952. Thinks before and during. City Hall slightly east of dump. Dump northwest of Waggoner. 200-300 feet off Falling Springs Road - to NW and would land on.

Paul Sauget's mother and dad worked there when he was a teenager. Road between holes. Cerro has one fenced in and filled with rocks. So big that it went 200 feet from City hall to Route 3. 300 feet from trucking company to - Cerro Copper would be in middle. Dug down into sand - sold dirt and sand. Know made phosphorous then and now. Anyone living there since just before World War II (1941) would know. Anyone in Monsanto who's 55 or older. Sauget people will not talk - very closed community. If knows others and they are willing to talk will put them in touch with us. Saugets have run since 1934. Do as damn well please - will get political.

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Felt bad laying blame on dump haulers.

Leo - mayer all his life. Paul now. Everyone doesn't know where come from.

1941 employees
lives towards Cahokia or Dupo.

Monsanto had own dumpsters and hauled themselves to dump. Full drums by truck loads. Waste chemicals. Only place had at that time. Sauget's other dump on river. Leo died 1968. Burlap bags full of chemicals. Leo dried and sold them.

For God's sake keep me out of it - got to live here - can't take heat. Ask Reed where got name and number. Tees him off.

Paul, 2 brothers (1 killed self), 1 sister, married at 50, think dead. Old Sauget house right where trucking company is now.

Phenols in there. Acids. P & A - coloring for paint. Detergents for oil - sold that company.

O & A - ? (oleum?) Chlorine - "jillions of gallons" - phosphorous - made under water. Deodorant in urinals. Detergents for soap. Tablets.

1941 should be middle of time period. Other companies at that time may have used. American Zinc was there - bought out now. Lubright or Zecony (?) Vacuum - big gasoline company now. Sterling Steel. Cerro Copper - Lewin Aluminum Metals. Lewin Mathes. Darling's Fertilizer. Midwest Rubber. Phillips Petroleum. 10,000 drums full of chemicals. Job would not be in jeopardy. Powers that be would hurt him. Blacks worked for Leo - only employees he ever saw. He went and got drums or timber from dump. Mrs. died before Leo.

Not much liquid - all in drums, paper bags, burlap bags. Leo owned land at that time. Sold dirt and then Monsanto. Only dump he knows of are Leo's. Leo had a lot of stock in Monsanto.

City Hall - dug out entirely and then started filling in - water table high - 1-2 years.

Cerro - dug out - while Monsanto filling first and then Monsanto moved over.

Monsanto-only plant around that makes phosphorous.

(?) Sumps off stills drained into drums and sent out.

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1941 - 1952 What Monsanto made then - every bit of waste there -
dumped no where else.

He will talk to Reed - keep name out.

Only 2-3 feet of dirt on top.

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